

Minutes
SAN BERNARDINO PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees
December 14, 2006

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the San Bernardino Public Library was held in the Board Room of the Norman F. Feldheym Central Library, 555 West Sixth Street, San Bernardino, CA.

Call to order:

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President Garcia at 2:06p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Dr. Dorothy Garcia, President
Gary Saenz, Vice President
Marion Vassilakos, Secretary
Carolyn Tillman, Board Member
Dr. Milton Clark, Board Member

Ophelia Georgiev Roop, Library Director
Mike Clark, Associate Library Director (3:30p.m.)
Millicent Price, Principal Librarian (3:30p.m.)
Ed Erjavek, Information Technology Manager (3:30p.m.)

Public: None Present

Minutes:

- ❑ The Minutes of October 26, 2006 were approved as presented. (Clark-Saenz, unanimous)
- ❑ The minutes of November 9, 2006 were approved as corrected: Marion Vassilakos pointed out that the minutes did not reflect the closed session on that meeting's agenda which did not take place and that needs to be corrected. (Clark – Vassilakos, unanimous)

Consent Items:

- ❑ Communications/Correspondences: None
- ❑ Personnel:
 - Accept resignation from Delisa M. Williams, Library Page, effective November 20,2006.
 - Accept resignation from Sarah L. Freeman, Library Page, effective December 06,2006.
 - Accept resignation from Katherine W. Arrowmaker, Library Page, effective December 27,2006.
- ❑ Monthly Financial Statements.
The consent items were approved as presented. (Clark, Saenz - unanimous)

Old Business:

- ❑ Library Budget:
The Board requested an update on the electricity line item in the library budget and reviewed the e-mails on that subject exchanged between Mr. Sharer, Director of Facilities and the Library Director.
- ❑ Planning workshop continuation:
This agenda item was moved to the end of the Board's regular business meeting.

New Business:

❑ **Abbey Awards**

Since the Abbey Awards are relatively new, the Board has not as yet established protocol for presenting them. The policy is that they should be presented at the first Staff Association meeting each year. That meeting is scheduled for 18 January 2007. The Board will review the policy establishing the Abbey Awards the winning nominations at the January 2007 Board meeting and will prepare a protocol for presenting the awards to the winners.

President's Report:

- ❑ It is time to schedule the Board's annual visits to the branches.
- ❑ Dr. Garcia expressed concern that the Hispanic members of our community may not be able to identify with the One Book, One City book, "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents" by Julia Alvarez because the author's background and that of our Hispanic population differ tremendously. However, the purpose of the One Book, One City programs is to engage the entire community in reading and discussing a book and in that respect, "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents" has a universal appeal.
- ❑ Dr Garcia asked the Library Director to schedule for our Board, if possible, another CALTAC Library Board Effectiveness Training Workshop.
- ❑ Some members of the Board had expressed a desire to meet with the Mayor in January 2007 in a closed session to discuss the library budget. However, the Brown Act does not permit a closed session for budget purposes. Therefore, that meeting could be part of the Board's regular January 11, 2007 meeting. Motion: to meet with the Mayor at the Board's January 11, 2007 meeting: Tillman – Clark). During the discussion following the motion it was decided that such a meeting would be more productive after the Board completes the planning process. Ms. Tillman withdrew the motion in favor of a meeting with the Mayor at some later date. (Tillman – Saenz, unanimous)
- ❑ President Garcia suggested investigating possibilities to get involved in programs funded by proposition 1D and in the Mayor's crime prevention programs funded by Measure Z.

Library Director's Report:

The wonderful article highlighting the Foundation's funding of the Early Literacy Stations and Every Child Ready to Read materials by Robert Roger in the Sun was discussed. Marion Vassilakos pointed out that while articles such as this one are an excellent way to make the community aware of the library and its services, it would be even better if the photographs accompanying the article/s are of children and/or library users from San Bernardino. The huge photos accompanying the article in question showed children from Bloomington using the Early Literacy Stations. Of course, this is something that we cannot control and can only hope that we have better luck next time.

- Library Director's nomination for the Management Association award.
- Report on the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.
- Report on CLA.
- Report on FIL.
- The proposed cost for the President Bush Library is 500 million dollars, five times more than any other presidential library.
- Article in the Sun about Mike Clark.
- Ideas about maximizing our Spanish language outreach prepared by Millicent Price and the branch librarians.
- Library inspection update.

- Inghram Room: since Miss Inghram is over 100 years old and since there is absolutely no way to acquire additional space next to Inghram library to add to the branch a special room for her papers, the Library Director asked the Board's permission to pursue the renting of a stand-alone room at the same building. That room would house Miss Inghram's papers until some future time when the branch is either enlarged or relocated to a larger space at which point that room will be joined with the library.
- FOL Silent Book Auction: \$1,800.
- One Book, One City – Julia Alvarez, author of “How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent” – the book chosen for this year - will present a literary evening at SBPL on Thursday, March 29, 2007.
- The all-library-locations reception for the First 5 grant funding additional Early Literacy Stations is scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2007, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

San Bernardino City Library Foundation:

On December 7, 2006 at 4:45 p.m., Maureen Godfrey, president of the City Library Foundation, presented to Library Director Ophelia Georgiev Roop a cheque for \$40,000 for the funding of Early Literacy Stations and Every Child Ready to Read materials at a ceremony prior to the Foundation's regular meeting that day. Mayor Morris, Library Board members, Foundation Board members, library staff and representatives of the press were present at this momentous event. This is the first donation to the library made by the Foundation since its inception in 1995. Ms. Godfrey, Ms. Roop and Mayor Morris all addressed the value of the library to the community and underscored the importance of early literacy.

At the Foundation Board meeting following the cheque presentation, Foundation Board member and attorney Julie Peccorini brought the great news that in addition to the initial \$200,000 the Foundation received from the Block Estate, a cheque of \$204,000 is forthcoming as well as perhaps another \$200,000 in the future.

Planning Workshop:

The Library board and library management team spent the rest of the afternoon (until 5:00 pm) on drafting goals, objectives and measurements but were unable to complete the process. The planning workshop will continue after the Board's business meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2007. Notes from the planning session will be distributed at that meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be on Thursday, January 11th at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Mendoza, Computer Center Coordinator, on behalf of:

Marion Vassilakos
Secretary